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AS THE HOURS PASS TRAVELING WITH CLOVE, SONIC SLOWLY RETREATS INTO HIS OWN THOUGHTS. WITH THE ADRENALINE SLOWLY EBBING AWAY, THE WEIGHT OF HIS MISSION HAS COME BEARING DOWN ON HIS SHOULDERS. IT'S WITH SOBERING AND SOLEMN REALIZATION, THAT HE'S WAY OUT OF HIS LEAGUE. WHAT STARTED AS A GRAND ADVENTURE ACROSS THE WORLD HAS TRANSFORMED INTO A RESPONSIBILITY HE NEVER ASKED FOR. HIS FOOTSTEPS GROW LEADEN AS HE PUSHES ON, THINKING BACK TO THE ALLIES THAT WERE HURT AROUND HIM, TEMPEST, THE CITIZENS OF ROBOTROPOLIS, AND TAILS. GIVING UP NOW WOULD BE AN INSULT TO THEIR STRUGGLES. YET DOUBT INTRUDES UPON HIS MIND...

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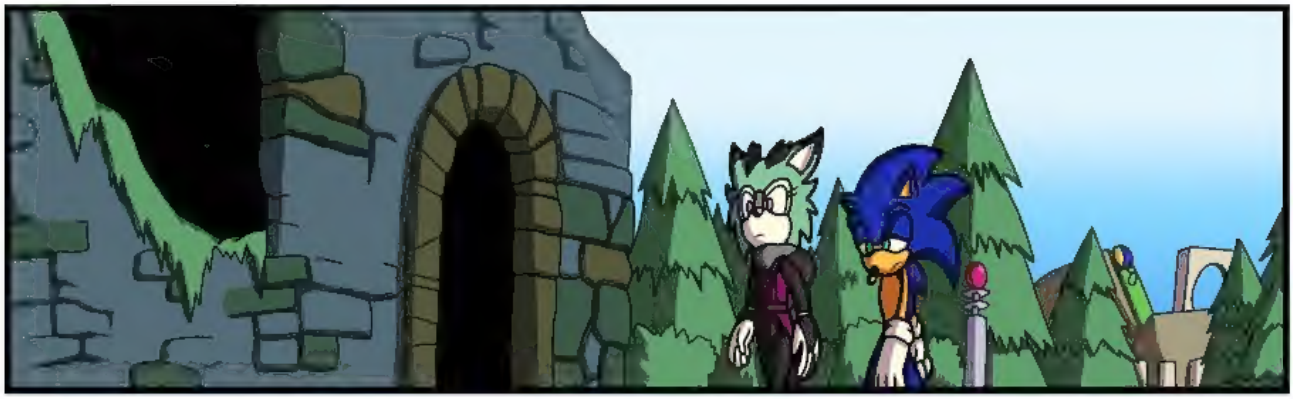

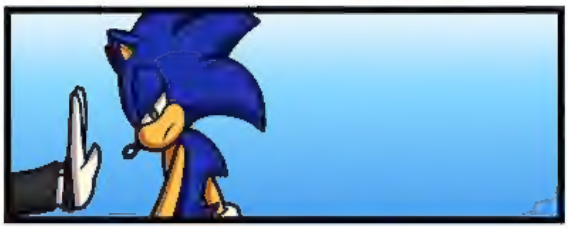

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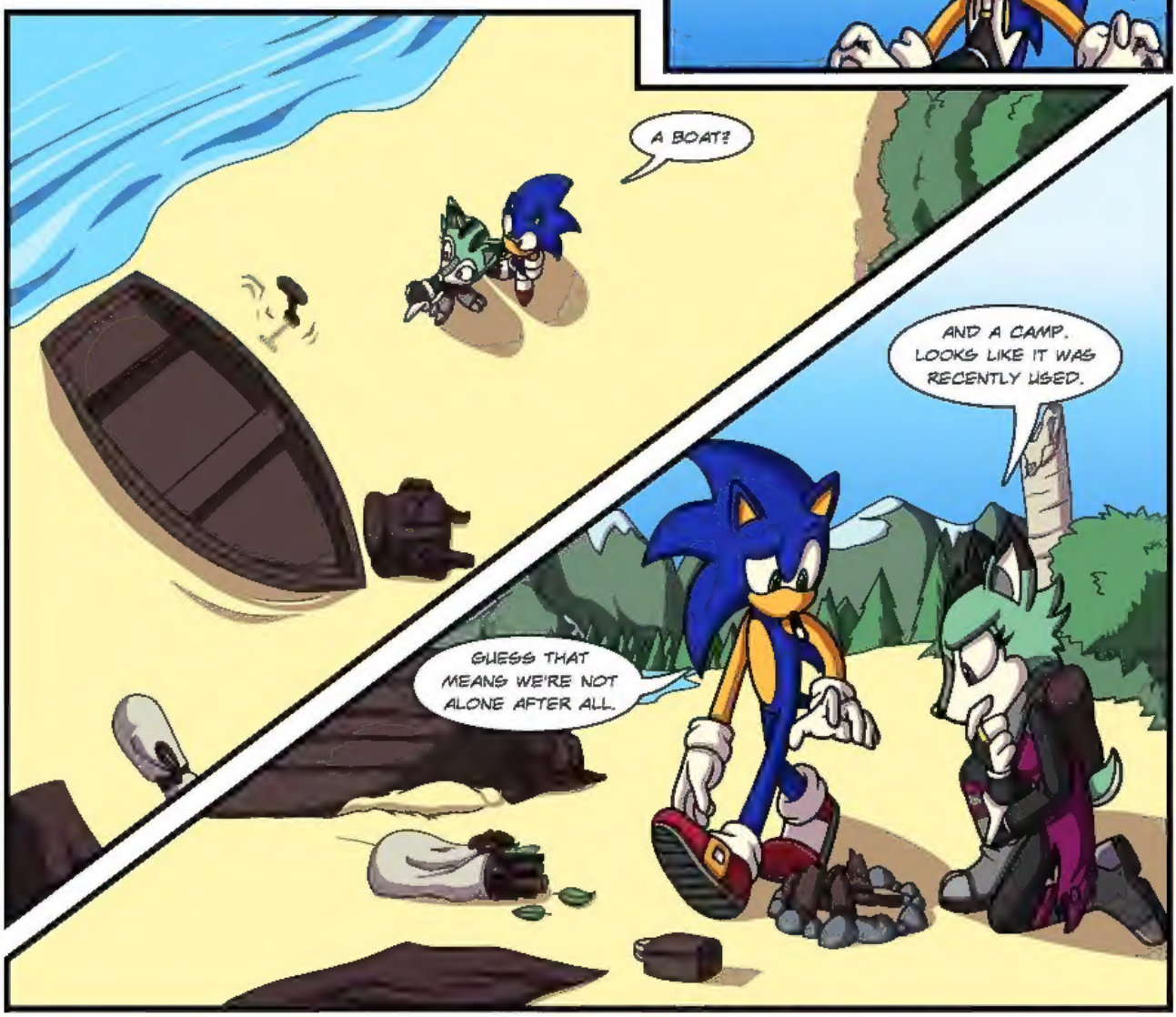
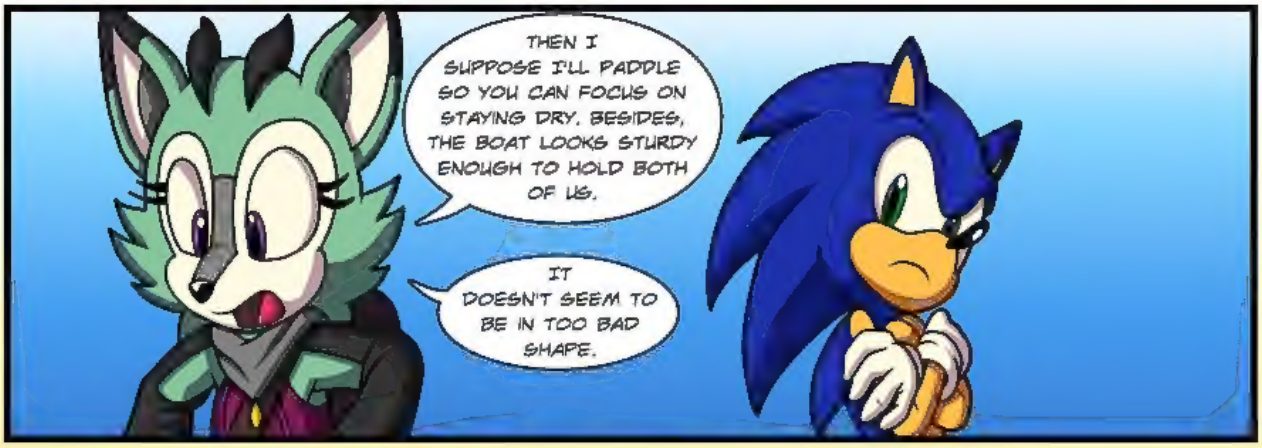

A BOAT?
AND A CAMP. LOOKS LIKE IT WAS RECENTLY USED.
GUESS THAT MEANS WE'RE NOT ALONE AFTER ALL.

AT THE VERY LEAST, WE HAVE A BOAT. IT SHOULD MAKE MOVING UP THE RIVER EASIER.

YEAH, WELL, IF THE BOAT UPTURNS OR SINKS, I'VE GOT THE SWIMMING ABILITY OF A ROCK.

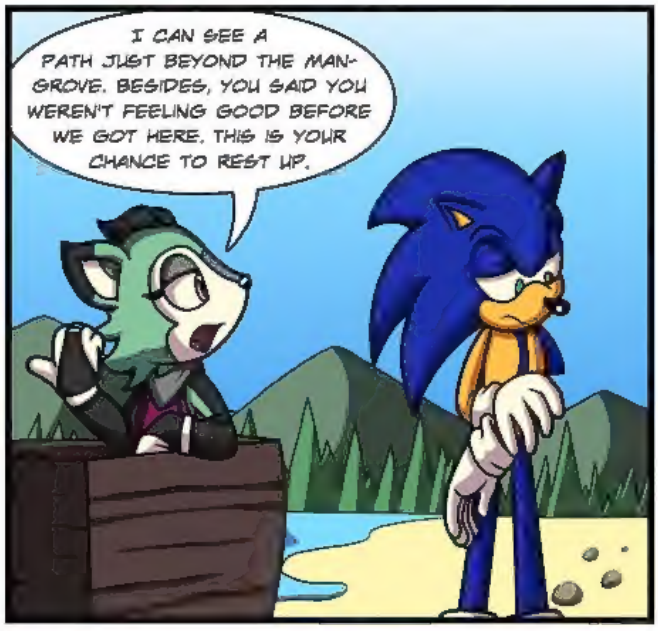

THEN I SUPPOSE I'LL PADDLE SO YOU CAN FOCUS ON STAYING DRY. BESIDES, THE BOAT LOOKS STURDY ENOUGH TO HOLD BOTH OF US.
IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE IN TOO BAD SHAPE.

I COULD PADDLE IF I WANTED.
UH HUH.

LET'S GO. WE'RE BURNING DAYLIGHT.
ACTUALLY, I COULD JUST RUN AROUND THE LAKE.

EXCUSE ME?
LOOK, I JUST HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

ALRIGHT, IT'S EITHER THIS, OR YOU MAKE YOURSELF FEEL WORSE BECAUSE OF A SILLY FEELING.

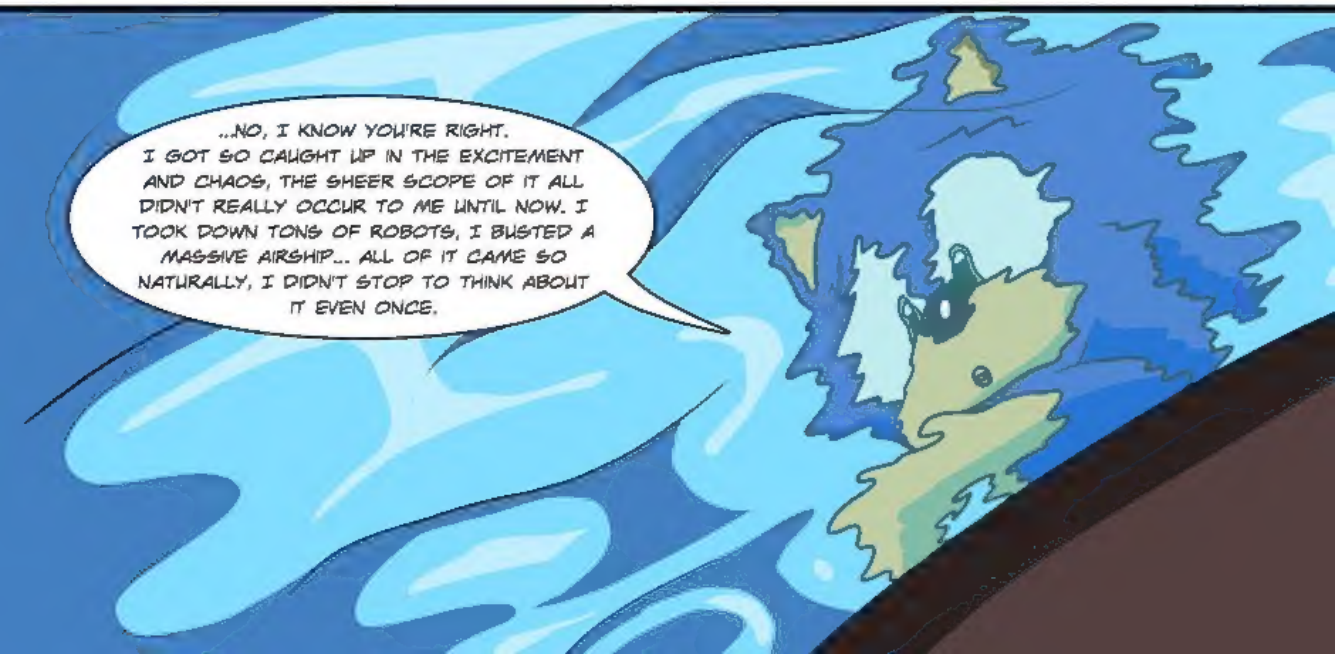

I CAN SEE A PATH JUST BEYOND THE MANGROVE. BESIDES, YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T FEELING GOOD BEFORE WE GOT HERE. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO REST UP.

OKAY, FINE, YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT. I GUESS A LITTLE REST DOESN'T SOUND SO BAD.

I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR MAYBE AN HOUR AND I CAN ALREADY TELL YOUR SILENCE ISN'T NORMAL.
WHO FLIPPED YOUR VOLUME SWITCH?
...I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING.
IT'S EGGMAN. IF IT WASN'T FOR THOSE EMERALDS, I'D BE DEAD RIGHT NOW! AFTER USING THEM, I HAVEN'T FELT RIGHT AT ALL. EVERYTHING FEELS A LITTLE HOTTER, A BIT HAZIER. FEELS LIKE I'M SWIMMING THROUGH TAR. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WHAT IF I CAN'T BEAT HIM? I MADE A PROMISE TO SOMEONE TO STOP HIM, BUT... I GOT LUCKY, THAT'S JUST THE FACT OF IT.
WHAT IF I CAN'T BEAT HIM?

IT MIGHT NOT BE THE MOST COMFORTING THING TO HEAR, BUT YOU TOOK THIS RESPONSIBILITY ON YOURSELF, RIGHT?
IF YOU MADE A PROMISE, YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS TO FOLLOW THROUGH. BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T, WHO WILL?

I'VE LIVED MY WHOLE LIFE UP TO NOW WITHOUT A SHRED OF DOUBT. EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED, I WANTED TO KEEP GOING, SEE WHERE IT WOULD LEAD ME. I JUST CAN'T HELP SHAKE THE FEELING I'M OUTCLASSED HERE.
YOU WON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU TRY.


...NO, I KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT. I GOT SO CAUGHT UP IN THE EXCITEMENT AND CHAOS, THE SHEER SCOPE OF IT ALL DIDN'T REALLY OCCUR TO ME UNTIL NOW. I TOOK DOWN TONS OF ROBOTS, I BUSTED A MASSIVE AIRSHIP... ALL OF IT CAME SO NATURALLY, I DIDN'T STOP TO THINK ABOUT IT EVEN ONCE.

...UH, IS THE WATER STARTING TO VIBRATE?
NO, I FEEL IT TOO. I THINK WE'RE COMING UP ON A RAPID.
REALLY? A CURRENT IN A MANGROVE?
WELL, FOR STARTERS, IT'S GETTING A LOT LOUDER.
...AND STRONGER.

WHOA!
HANG ON!
CAN'T WE STOP THIS THING?!
WE'RE GOING TOO FAST!
BRACE YOURSELF!
WATCH THAT ROCK!

I KNEW THIS WAS GONNA HAPPEN!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
JUMPING OUT!

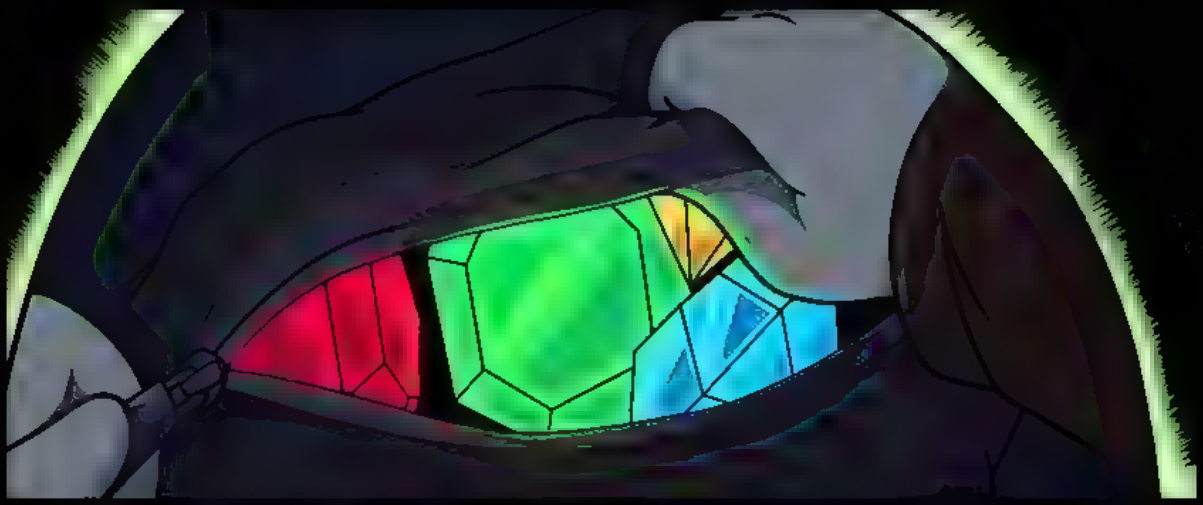
SONIC!
AAGH!

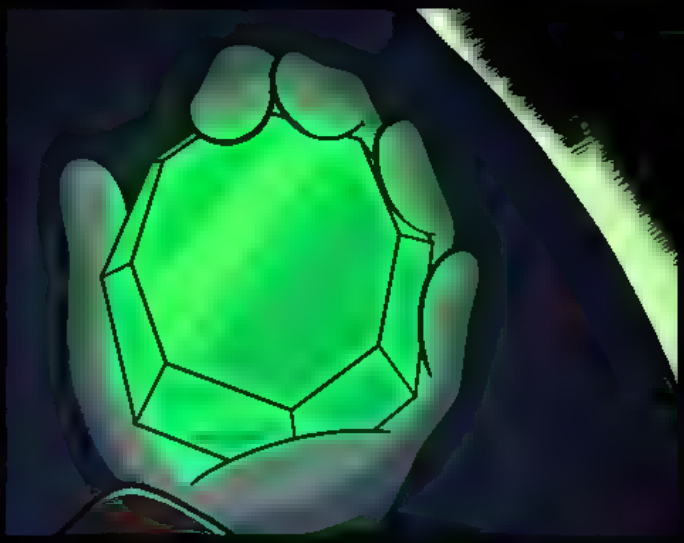
WHAT--

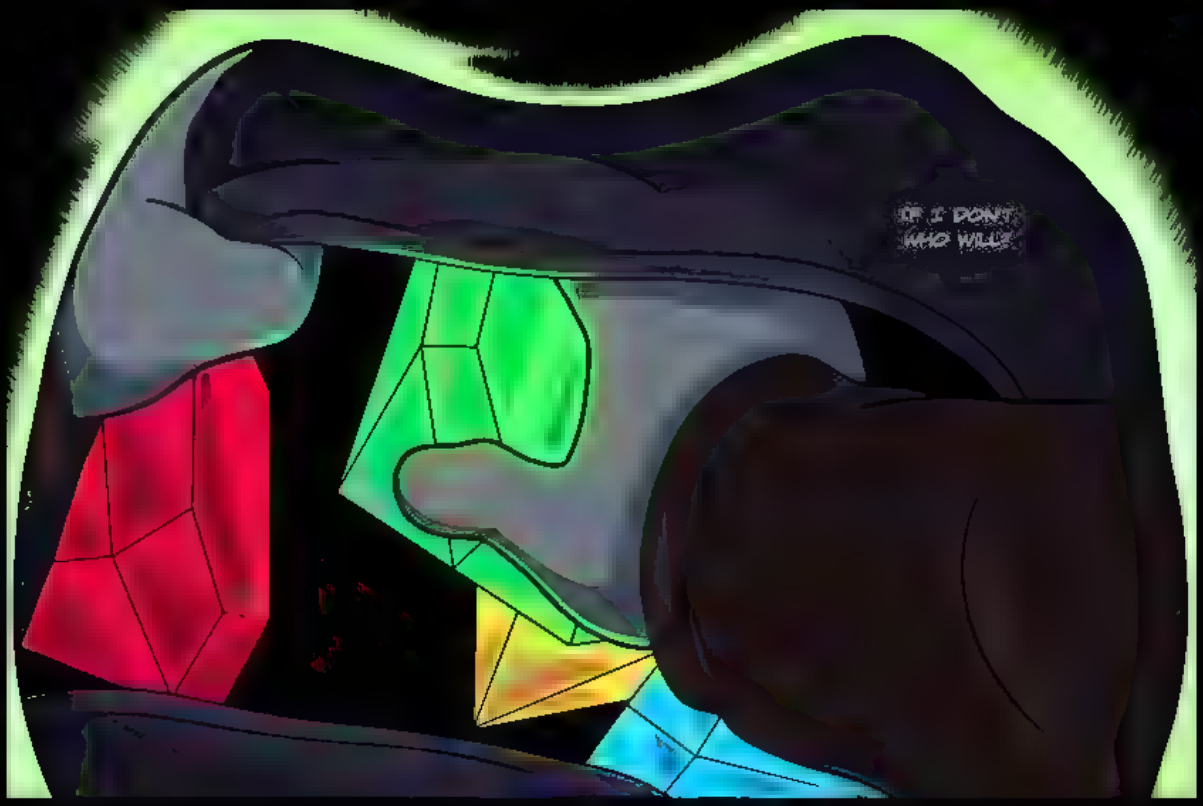
KRAK
OH NO NO

WAKE UP DAMMIT!

OH, THANK GAIA.
YOU HIT THAT BOULDER BACK FIRST, WHAT'S--



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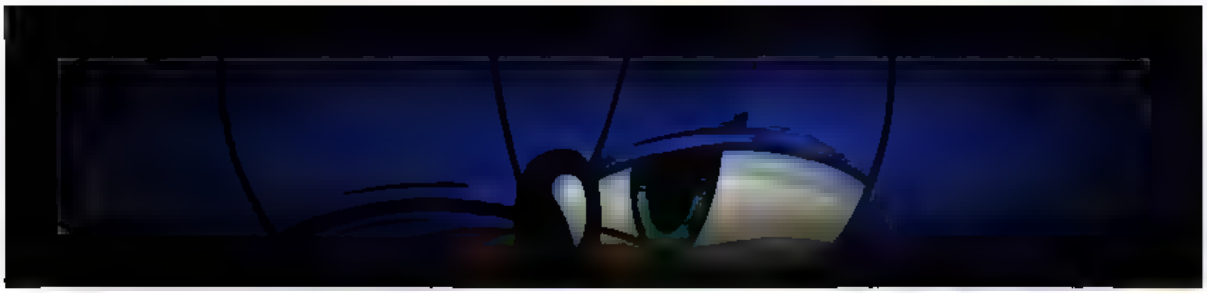

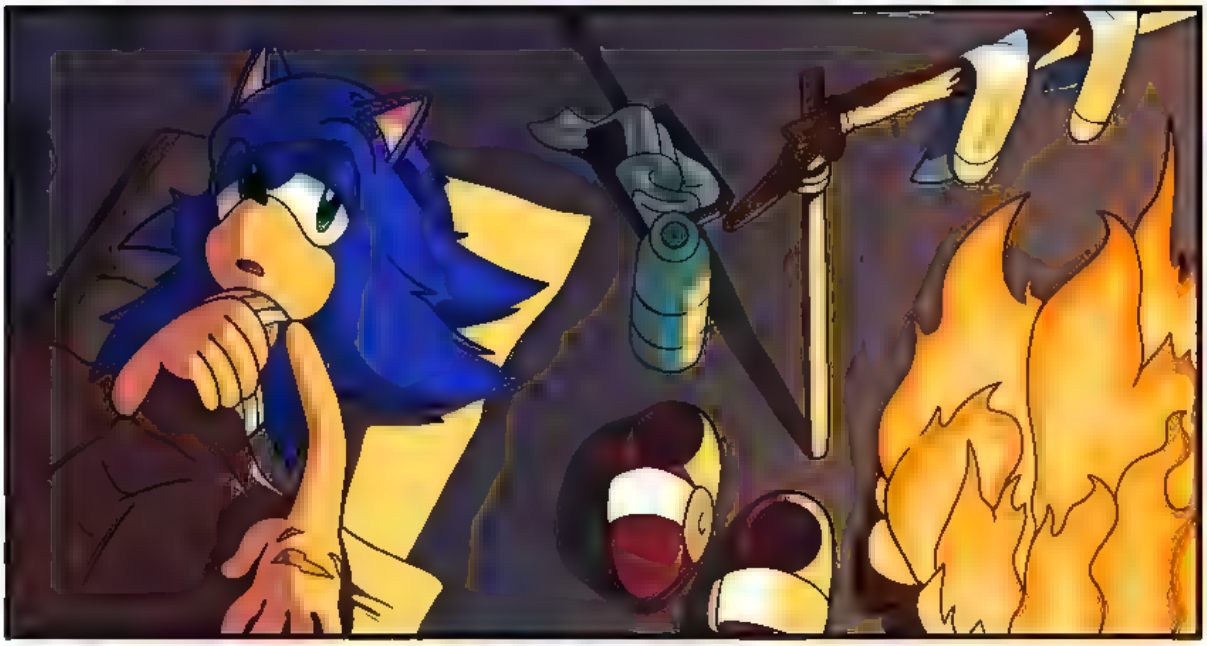

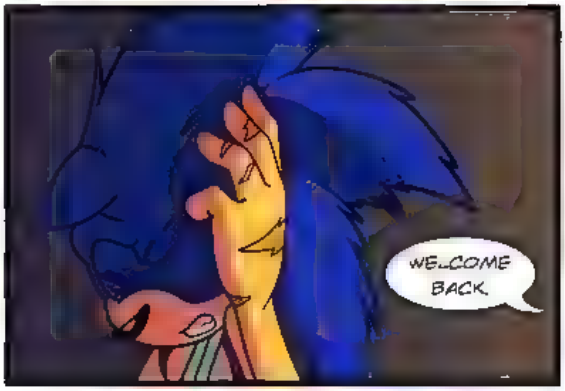
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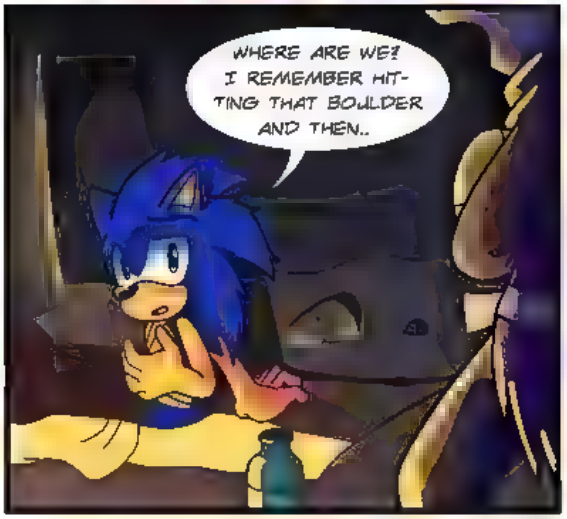
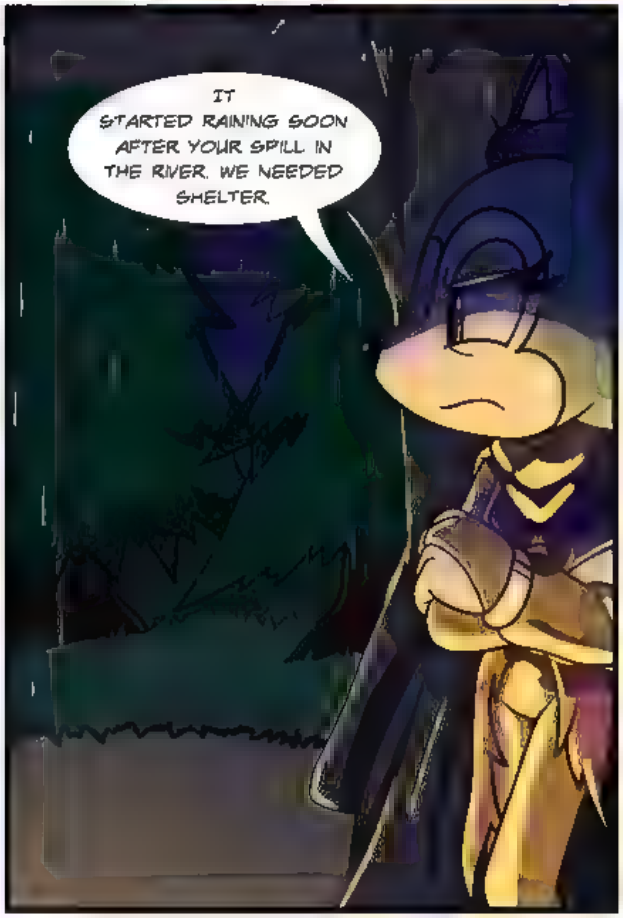

WHERE ARE WE? I REMEMBER HITTING THAT BOULDER AND THEN..


IT STARTED RAINING SOON AFTER YOUR SPILL IN THE RIVER. WE NEEDED SHELTER.

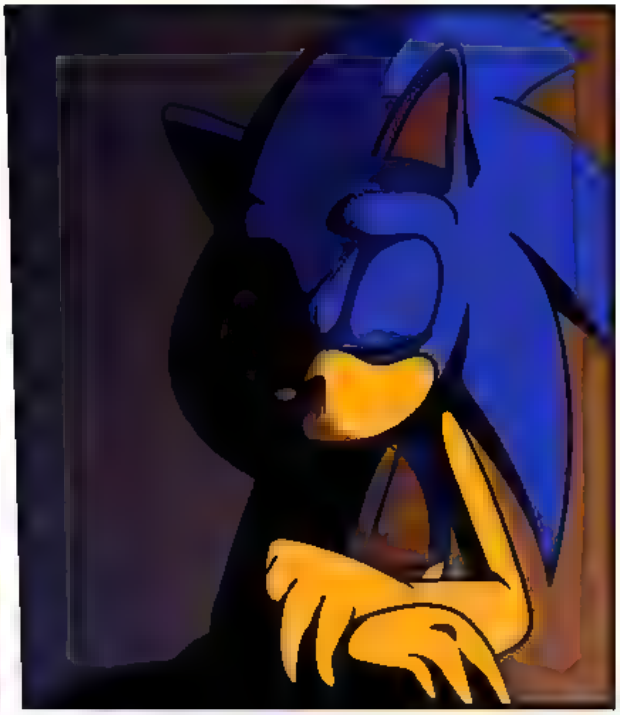
YOU'VE BEEN OUT FOR MOST OF THE DAY I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD WAKE UP AT ALL.
I'M TOUGHER THAN I LOOK.

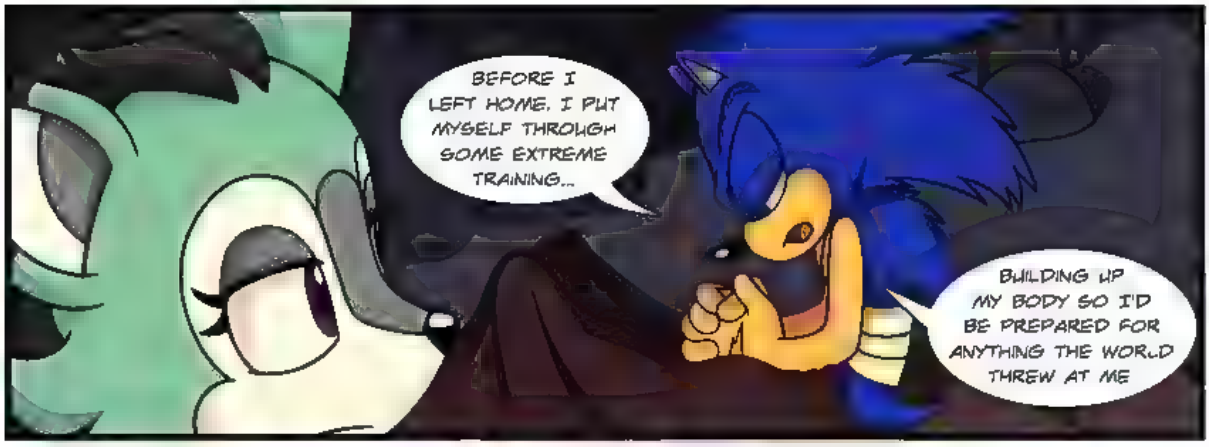
I COULD'VE GUESSED. IT'S OBVIOUS YOU'VE PUT A LOT OF STRAIN ON YOUR BODY
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

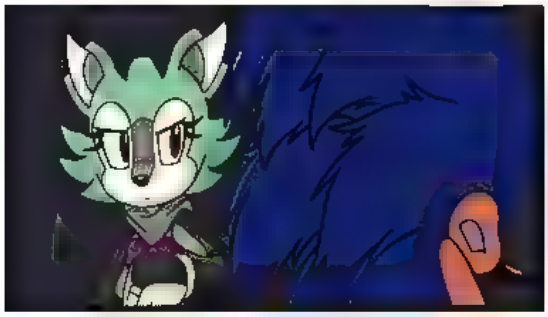
DON'T ACT DUMB. LIKE I COULDN'T SEE ALL OF THOSE SCARS ON YOU WHEN I HAD TO PATCH YOU UP

THOSE WOUNDS ON YOUR HANDS THEY DIDN'T HEAL PROPERLY

CRACK
THE GASH ON YOUR BACK BEING THE NEWEST ADDITION.




BEFORE I LEFT HOME, I PUT MYSELF THROUGH SOME EXTREME TRAINING...
BUILDING UP MY BODY SO I'D BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING THE WORLD THREW AT ME



FIVE YEARS PREPARING MYSELF TO GO FIND SOMEONE AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF HE'S STILL ALIVE

FORGET ABOUT THAT FOR A MINUTE

EAT UP I WENT OUT TO GET SOME FOOD WHILE YOU SLEPT. YOUR STOMACH CONSTANTLY GROWLING WAS DRIVING ME UP THE WALL
YOU LOOK TOUGH, BUT YOU'RE CARING DEEP DOWN, HUH?
YOU'RE IMAGINING THINGS

ALRIGHT, SO TELL ME SOMETHIN'.
SINCE WE APPARENTLY CAN'T STAY OUT OF EACH OTHER'S BUSINESS, I'LL START FIRST. WHAT WERE YOU EVEN DOING OUT HERE?
DO YOU MEAN BEFORE YOU CRASHED INTO ME, OR AFTER?
I SAID I WAS SORRY
I WAS ON MY WAY TO SEE A RELATIVE IN LIBERICA CENTRAL CITY
THAT'S THE LARGEST CITY ON THE MAIN CONTINENT
MY SISTER HAS NIDS. MONOPOLE WAS TOO FAR AWAY, AND CENTRAL HAS SOME OF THE BEST MEDICAL CENTERS IN THE WORLD. I WANTED TO SEE HOW SHE WAS ACCLIMATING AFTER THE MOVE.
SORRY TO HEAR THAT.

I WOULDN'T HAVE ASKED IF I HAD KNOWN
I'M JUST NOT USED TO TALKING ABOUT IT. WHEN YOU GET NIDS, YOUR LIFE IS OVER. YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM STOPS WORKING, YOUR CELLS START DYING
AN INCURABLE DISEASE
NOW I'M STARTING TO SEE WHY HE'S DOING ALL OF THIS
WHO?
EGGMAN HE'S CRAZY, BUT... HE TALKED ABOUT HOW BAD THE WORLD WAS. WAY HE SAID IT, I GOT THE FEELING HE TRIED TO FIX THINGS ONCE
I CAN ONLY GUESS EGGMAN WENT INSANE AFTER SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM.

DO YOU THINK THAT EXCUSES WHAT HE'S DONE? THAT BOMBING INJURED A TON OF PEOPLE
NO, NOT AT ALL. JUST... I GUESS ANYONE CAN FEEL LIKE THEY'RE THE ONLY SANE AND RATIONAL ONE IF THEY'RE ALONE IN THE WORLD
MY GUT'S TELLING ME THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE WE'RE NOT SEEING YET, BUT HECK IF I KNOW WHAT THAT IS.
THE AMOUNT OF LIVES HE RUINED AND IS GOING TO RUIN IN PURSUIT OF WHATEVER GOAL HE HAS CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED
HE'S PROBABLY EAGER TO GET HIS... WHAT DID YOU CALL IT? THE DEATH EGG?
THAT'S THE ONE HE WAS GOING TO USE IT ON THE PLANET TO BUILD A "UTOPIA" IN THE ASHES
TCH. "DEATH EGG". RIDICULOUS..HE'S PROBABLY EAGER TO GET IT UP AND RUNNING AGAIN SINCE IT SEEMS LIKE YOU DID A FAIR BIT OF DAMAGE YOURSELF

MEANING ?

I SCOUTED THE MOUNTAIN WHILE YOU WERE OUT COLD.

IT'S SITTING IN THE LAKE FURTHER UP, AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S GOING TO TAKE OFF SOON MEANING YOU HAVE TIME TO REST UP

YOU'RE IN NO SHAPE TO KEEP GOING AND YOU COULD DO WITHOUT WORRYING ME TOO

GOOD THING I DON'T PLAN TO MAKE A HABIT OUT OF IT WHAT IS IT YOU DO ANYWAY?

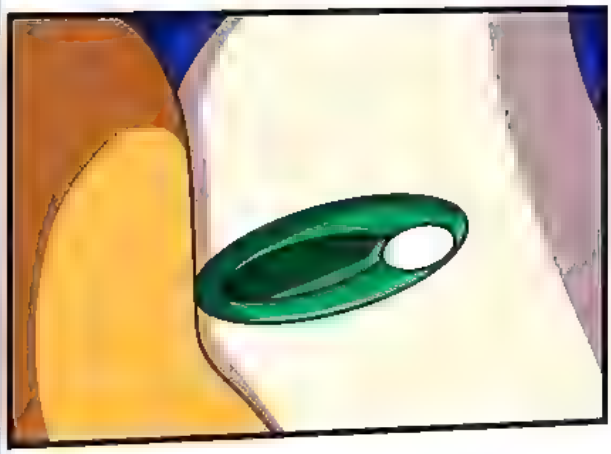
I'M... A DETECTIVE, WITH THE CHAOTIX AGENCY

NEVER HEARD OF 'EM.

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE WE LIKE TO KEEP OUR CASES OUT OF THE PUBLIC EYE.

GET SOME REST. WE CAN LEAVE EARLY IN THE MORNING IF YOU'RE FEELING ANTSY
WHAT ARE YOU, MY BIG SISTER NOW?

NO SASSING NEEDLE-NOGGIN



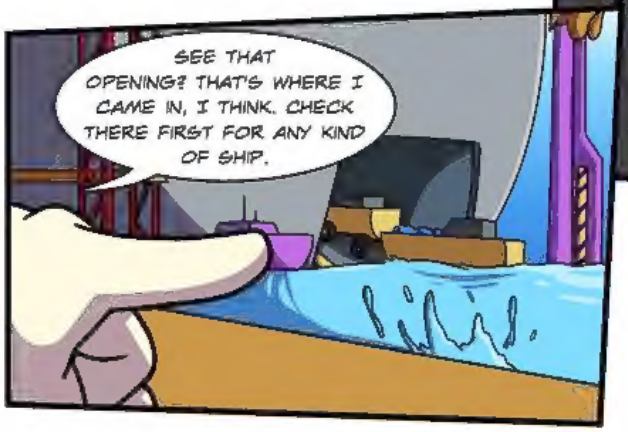
UTOPIA HUH?

OVER MY DEAD BODY

THE MORNING AFTER...

REMEMBER THE PLAN?
I HOPE SO. I CAME UP WITH IT.

I STILL THINK YOU'RE CRAZY FOR SUGGESTING IT.
I PROMISED YOU A WAY OFF THE ISLAND. THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE EGGMAN DOESN'T HAVE SOME KIND OF SHUTTLE STORED IN THE HANGER.


SEE THAT OPENING? THAT'S WHERE I CAME IN, I THINK. CHECK THERE FIRST FOR ANY KIND OF SHIP.

THIS IS RECKLESS. YOU'RE RISKING YOUR LIFE TO BE A DECOY JUST TO HELP ME OUT.
I'LL BE FINE. BESIDES, I DON'T LIKE BEING IN DEBT; YOU'VE GOT A SISTER TO GET BACK TO, AND I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH OUR GOOD DOCTOR. CONSIDER IT A PARTING GIFT FOR WRECKING YOUR RIDE HOME.

BE SAFE.
BACK AT'CHA.
WITH A PLAN OF ATTACK SET IN MOTION, SONIC AND CLOVE PART WAYS. ONE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT, THE OTHER VYING FOR ESCAPE. THE ONLY THING WAITING FOR SONIC IS A DESPERATE STRUGGLE. THE LODE OF EGGMAN'S MECHANIZED MIGHT WILL SOON COME CALLING...

From the Team

"I still find it interesting that Clove and Sonic never once officially interacted with each other in the original post-boot run of Archie."
- CelestOrion

"I'm starting to become a regular at these end-of-issue quote thingies. So how's you holding up reader? Been keeping up your hydration?"
- Fours

"YOLO" - VintageJapes

"No thoughts, head empty. (flops on floor with caramelldansen playing in the background)"
- Mint

"This issue was a treat for me because one of my favorite things to do in writing is just build entire conversations between only 2 characters. Especially since Clove is one of my favorites."
- Sunshine Nine

"Time is irrelevant, unless it's time for tea!"
- MrZero101

"Where's the Chocolate Muffin when I need it?!"
- UrsineTimes

"As a first timer in doing comics of any kind, especially a fancomic vased on Sonic the Hedgehog, this was an awesome experience."
- QuillNLead

"Mayonnaise in a escalator that's going upstairs so see ya later! Bye-bye to the sky, I love you getting so high. Out of my life & out of my day. Mayonnaise on a escalatoooooooor!"
- VanessaSonica

"We're creeping ever closer to the end of the Death Egg Saga in Legacy, which will be a huge turning point in the comic because we'll be open to cover a LOT of original stories and expansive worldbuilding. We're still excited to see the finale of this arc, but we hope you'll be even more excited for the things to come past that. Stay tuned!"
- Sonic Legacy

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